

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application, claims 9-16 are withdrawn.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 1-8 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of withdrawn claim 9, and claims 10-16 depending therefrom, because claim 9 includes the same features as allowed claim 1. See MPEP §821.04(a). Rejoinder and allowance of withdrawn claims 9-16 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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